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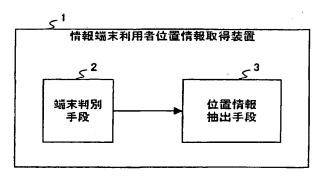
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1...INFORMATION TERMINAL USER POSITIONAL INFORMATION ACQUIRING APPARATUS

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3...POSITIONAL INFORMATION EXTRACTION MEANS

(57) Abstract: The positional information of an information terminal user is made acquirable in compliance with the various notifying methods of the positional information different for different carriers or terminals, so that the service provider can provide services based on the positional information without administering the user positional information. An information terminal user positional information acquiring apparatus (1) comprises: terminal decision means (2) for deciding the kind of an information terminal based on data sent from an information terminal owned by a user; and positional information extraction means (3) for extracting the positional information of the user from the data sent from the information terminal, in accordance with the decision result.

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